



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

SATOSHI, Shinada, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/054,898

Group Art Unit: 2861

Confirmation No.: 8316

Examiner: Michael P. NGHIEM

Filed: January 25, 2002

For: INK JET PRINTING APPARATUS AND INK CARTRIDGE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as shown below. An enclosed Appendix includes a version with markings to show changes made.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please see the enclosed Proposed Drawing Correction.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, line 1.

When the ink cartridge includes a porous member within its ink chamber for absorbing ink, the ink chamber is depressurized by the porous member. Therefore, the ink cartridge needs to be sealed so as not to undesirably suck air or bubbles in the ink chamber.

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When the ink cartridge 112 is removed from the printing apparatus with ink left therein, the sealing of the ink supply needle 118 with the packing member 120 is released. The result is

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

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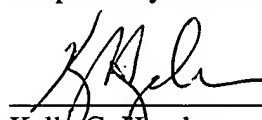
Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For					
All Claims	13	-	20	=	X	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent	6	-	3	=	3 X	\$84.00	=	\$252.00
TOTAL							=	\$252.00

Please charge for the statutory fee of \$252.00 and any additional fee or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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